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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3488

INFO GOVERNOR AMERICAN SAMOA

UNCLAS WELLINGTON 2492

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EINV WS

SUBJ: APPLICATION OF WESTERN SAMOAN INSURANCE LTD TO OPERATE
IN AMERICAN SAMOA

REF: WELLINGTON 2417

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE LETTER
DATED JUN 24 SENT BY WESTERN SAMOAN PRIME MINISTER
TUPUOLA EFI TO GOVERNOR REX LEE. THE SECTION OF AMERICAN
SAMOAN LAW WHICH WAS MENTIONED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S
TELEPHONE CALL TO THE AMBASSADOR ON JUN 24 IS 12 ASCS. 1401
WHICH ACCORDING TO EFI'S LETTER THE AMERICAN SAMOAN ATTORNEY
RETAINED BY NATIONAL PACIFIC INSURANCE LIMITED (NPI)
DESCRIBED AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND DISCRIMINATORY.

2. EFI'S LETTER RAISES THE QUESTION RECIPROCITY,
CITING THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN INSURANCE CO A.I.U.
HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN WESTERN SAMOA FOR THE PAST
SEVERAL YEARS WITH AN INCREASING SHARE OF INSURANCE BUSINESS.

3. IF IT APPEARS THAT THE QUESTION REGARDING THE
UNCONSTITUTIONALITY AND/OR DISCRIMINATORY NATURE OF S. 1401
WILL BE RESOLVED SO THERE WILL BE NO IMPEDIMENT TO NPI
STARTING OPERATIONS IN AMERICAN SAMOA, WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE
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TO REQUEST HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY TO DELAY CEASING
ITS OPERATIONS SO NPI COULD TAKE OVER ITS AMERICAN SAMOAN
INSURANCE PORTFOLIO ONCE IT HAS THE NECESSARY LICENSE TO
CONDUCT INSURANCE BUSINESS THERE?

4. WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY ON THE LIKELIHOOD
OF SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER SO THAT I CAN IN

TURN ADVISE PRIME MINISTER EFL.
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